

Translation of the pertinent portions of a Request for
Payment of Additional Fees, mailed 02/10/2005

1. The International Search Authority

i) is of the opinion that the international application contains 2 inventions, which are contained in the claims shown on a separate page:

and is of the opinion that the international application does not meet the requirement of unity of the invention for the reasons stated on the separate page,

ii) has performed a partial international search (see enclosure) for the portions of the international application relating to the invention first mentioned in see the attached page

iii) will provide the International Search Report for the remaining portions of the international application only if additional fees are being paid.

2. Applicant is requested to pay the following amount within thirty days from the above mailing date:

EUR 1,550.00 x 1 = EUR 1,550.00

Attachment to the Request for Payment of Additional Fees

The International Search Authority has determined that this international application contains several (groups) of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1 to 6, 9 to 11

Setting of the ink paths in the inking system

2. Claims: 7, 8

Setting of the dampening agent application.

The general idea connecting independent claims 1 and 3 with independent claim 7 consists of the following characteristics:

"A printing group of a printing press, having a forme cylinder and an inking system, which has a first, a second and a third distribution cylinder, as well as a plurality of inking and application rollers wherein, in respect to sequence of the ink applications to the rotating forme cylinder, a first, front ink path can be formed from the first distribution cylinder via the second distribution cylinder, and via the third distribution cylinder a second, rear application path for the ink can be formed."

However, a printing group with these characteristics is not novel, since it has already been disclosed, for example in each of the publications DE-A-199 56 149 and DE-A-44 39 144 (see the respective citations in the search report).

Therefore there is no technical connection between claims 1 and 3 and claim 7 within the meaning of Rule 13(2) PCT, so that unity as required by Rule 13(1) PCT has not been provided.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

EP04/51376

Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet) [SHOULD BE "ITEM III"]

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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The International Searching Authority has determined that this international application contains multiple (groups of) inventions, namely:

1. Claims 1-6, 9-11

Adjustment of the ink paths in the inking system.

2. Claims 7, 8

Adjustment of the application of the wetting agent.